LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT Extended Hours License L317-50037

Purpose of Application: Lake Street Express LLC has requested to extend their hours of operation to 24 hours per day.

Applicant's Name (Legal Entity): Lake Street Express, LLC

Complete Address: 640 Lake Street East

Telephone Number: 651-493-9313

Current License: Gasoline Filling Station, Food Manufacturer, Grocery, and Tobacco

Dealer

Zoning District: C2

Current Authorized Hours: Sunday to Thursday, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Neighborhood/Ward: Phillips West/Ward 6

Date of Application: May 23, 2013

Inspector: Julie Casey

Public Hearing Requirement: Required

Background:

640 East Lake Street was the site of a gasoline filling station for many years called the Jordan Stop. Several years ago it closed and remained vacant. In 2012-2013, the gasoline filling station was torn down and replaced with a new structure and landscaping.

Findings as Required by the Minneapolis Licensing Code:

A security plan that describes the security features, including personnel and equipment, that the applicant will employ and how they will be utilized:

A security plan was submitted with the license application and reviewed by Minneapolis 3rd Precinct CPS Don Greeley and Inspector Michael Sullivan. At 11:00 p.m. each day the station will lock the front door and conduct window service for patrons. There will be a panic button installed at the front counter for direct calls to 911. Off-duty police will be hired for 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. every day. The store will be staffed with a minimum of two people at all times. There will be 20 security cameras monitoring the interior and exterior of the premises.

Description of how the applicant will maintain the orderly appearance and operation of the premises with respect to litter and noise:

A sign will be installed that reminds patrons to be respectful of the neighborhood. Off duty police officers and store staff will be trained to trespass all persons creating disturbances on the business premises.

Under Minneapolis ordinance 259.25, the store is required to pick up litter on a daily basis and have a screened and secured dumpster. Under Minneapolis ordinance 259.250 lights are to be kept in working order at all times.

Description of how the business will have people exit the establishment at closing time and during an emergency that requires all people to exit the establishment quickly:

At 11:00 p.m. each day, the store staff will empty the building with the assistance of an off-duty Minneapolis police officer.

Proximity to permitted or conditional residential uses and nature of the business and its impacts of noise, light and traffic:

This store is directly adjacent to a residential area on the north property line only. Noise consists of vehicle noise and possible sound noise from vehicles radios and stereo systems. Signs will be posted to respect the neighborhood.

Conformance with applicable zoning regulations, including but not limited to use, yards, gross floor area and specific development standards:

This building is brand new and meets all required regulations with the exception of landscaping that is still missing.

History of complaints related to the use:

When this location was called the Jordan Stop, it had complaints consisting of noise, prostitution and failure to maintain the premises. We do not anticipate these issues due to the use of off-duty police.

Other late night locations:

From Chicago Avenue to 35 W the following businesses are 24 hours.

Tacqueria Los Ocampo Restaurant: Open until 5 a.m.

Safari Restaurant: 24 hours

Tacqueria La Hacienda Restaurant: 24 hours

RECOMMENDATION (pending public hearing):

License and Consumer Services withholds our recommendation regarding this application to extend hours pending the outcome of the public hearing and neighborhood input.